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senior member is nothing if not consistent. On each and every occasion when I've stood to do anything on this floor this year it's been because, in his opinion, of my campaign for Attorney General. There has not been a single moment that he's commented on what I've done this year when he hasn't said it's because of my campaign for Attorney General. That's to be expected. That's okay. I've got broad shoulders. I'm sleeping just fine at I'm not going to shed any tears over it. But I want you to know this is an absolutely reasonable amendment. discussion, what did he say about why this amendment shouldn't It was all because it's politics and because Bruning is running for Attorney General. He didn't have any against the amendment. He had arguments against me personally. Now that's fine, but this body is smarter than that. look at the amendment. What it says is that the Supreme Court's standards may contain the last four digits of a social security number. That's all it says, "may". Supreme Court gets to make the decision here, folks; not me, not Senator Chambers, the Supreme Court. Do we trust the Supreme Court to make the right decision? That's all we're saying. I do. Is the privacy protected with the last four digits of somebody's social security number? I think it is. Is there a need to distinguish between the 28 Joe Smiths in Omaha for the Omaha Police Department? I would say that's a reasonable case for the Police Department to make. Did they present this problem to me? course they did. I'm not omniscient. I don't sit around and understand every problem that every governmental division is having. I appreciate the fact that they brought this to me. Think it's interesting, though, that the consistent senior member is saying that I'm doing this because of a campaign, as if the good people of Nebraska care about this in a campaign This is not a useful campaign issue. You're all wise enough to know what useful campaign issues are. This is not one, not for me nor anyone else. This simply allows the Supreme Court to make a decision to put the last four digits on a ticket if they choose to. That's all it says. This isn't campaign, folks. Think about it. Look at the amendment. reasonable thing to do. It's a reasonable way to differentiate between people with similar names. That's all it is.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Bruning. Senator